



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2022-0052; OMB No. 1660-0069]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request;

National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 60-day notice of revision and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on an extension, with change, of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0. The program provides a well-established mechanism, using standardized reporting methods, to collect and analyze fire incident data at the Federal, State, and local levels with a myriad of life and property saving uses and benefits. This revision involves the reduction in burden hours associated with this collection due to modernization of NFIRS Version 5.0.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please submit comments at *www.regulations.gov* under Docket ID FEMA-2022-0052. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at

http://www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide.

Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the

Privacy and Security Notice that is available via a link on the homepage of

www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Millstein, Branch Chief

National Fire Data Center, at (301) 447-1841 or *david.millstein@fema.dhs.gov*. You may

contact the Information Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of

information at email address: *FEMA-Information-Collections-*

Management@fema.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Commission on Fire Prevention

and Control conducted a comprehensive study of the Nation's fire problem and

recommended to Congress actions to mitigate the fire problem, reduce loss of life and

property, and educate the public on fire protection and prevention. As a result of the

study, Congress enacted Public Law 93-498, Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of

1974, which establishes the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to administer fire

prevention and control programs, supplement existing programs of research, training, and

education, and encourage new and improved programs and activities by state and local

governments. Section 9(a) of the Act authorizes the USFA Administrator to operate

directly or through contracts or grants an integrated, comprehensive method to select,

analyze, publish, and disseminate information related to prevention, occurrence, control,

and results of fires of all types. The National Fire Incident Reporting Systems (NFIRS) was established in the mid-1970s and is mandated by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 which authorizes the National Fire Data Center to gather and analyze information such as (1) the frequency, causes, spread, and extinguishment of fires; (2) injuries and deaths resulting from fires; (3) information on injuries sustained by a firefighter; and (4) information on firefighting activities. The act further authorizes USFA to develop uniform data reporting methods, and to encourage and assist Federal, state, local and other agencies in developing and reporting information. NFIRS is a reporting standard that fire departments use to uniformly report on the full range of their activities, from fire to emergency medical services to severe weather and natural disasters. This reporting allows fire departments, as well as many other government and non-government agencies, to quantify their actions and identify incident and response trends. Recent modernization to the data collection improved and therefore reduced the burden hours for reporting data to NFIRS. FEMA is requesting a revision of this information collection.

Collection of Information

Title: National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, with change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0069.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form FF-USFA-FY-21-109, National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) Version 5.0.

Abstract: The purpose of this revision is to provide the reduction of burden hours recently achieved by modernizing and improving the application's interface. NFIRS is the USFA's system authorized under Public Law 93-498 to collect fire related data to identify and define the fire problem in the U.S., and to reduce fire related casualties and losses. Operating since 1999, the system provides an electronic, web-based application for users to input their incident response information in a uniform manner.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,500.

Estimated Number of Responses: 28,059,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,820,650.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$420,225,614.

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: \$1,974,000.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: \$1,128,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$3,386,107

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical,

or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,
e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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